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April 22, 2010

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair  
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka  
Chief Executive Officer

## **PALMDALE REGIONAL AIRPORT – CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS (JANUARY 26, 2010 BOARD AGENDA, ITEM NO. 5) - REPORT**

Based upon your Board's instruction of January 26, 2010, we transmitted letters to the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, the Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), and the City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners asking that all contractual agreements pertaining to Palmdale Regional Airport be cancelled (Attachment I). The City of Los Angeles has responded via a letter dated April 5, 2010 (Attachment II), indicating LAWA is currently in discussions with the U.S. Air Force regarding termination of its lease. They estimate that addressing the many involved issues may take several months, and they offer to provide a more thorough briefing on these matters should the County desire.

My staff, in conjunction with County Counsel, will follow up with the City and report back to the Board as appropriate. If you have any questions or require additional information, please have your staff contact Ellen Sandt at (213) 974-1186 or [esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:esandt@ceo.lacounty.gov) or Martin Zimmerman at (213) 974-1326 or [mzimmerman@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:mzimmerman@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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### **Attachments**

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor  
County Counsel  
A.C. Lazzaretto and Associates

2010-04 – 4-22-10 Palmdale Regional Airport – Contractual Agreements – January 26, 2010 Board Agenda, Item No. 5 – Report

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February 24, 2010

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The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa  
Mayor of the City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa:

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE PALMDALE  
REGIONAL AIRPORT AND TERMINAL OPERATIONS**

On January 26, 2010, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Executive Office to transmit letters to the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), and City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners requesting them to immediately release all contractual agreements regarding the Palmdale Regional Airport (Airport) and terminal operations.

The County would deeply appreciate your support in working with LAWA and the Board of Airport Commissioners to vacate LAWA's current airport terminal lease at the Airport, thereby allowing the City of Palmdale to assume local control of the Airport and the terminal building lease from LAWA in support of regionalization of airport operations in the region.

Thank you in advance for your leadership on this important regional issue.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM T FUJIOKA  
Chief Executive Officer

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Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Los Angeles World Airports  
Board of Airport Commissioners, LAWA  
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2010-02 - 02-24-10 Contractual Agreements Regarding the Palmdale Regional Airport and Terminal Operations - Villaraigosa

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Dear Ms. Lindsey:

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Sincerely,

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**WILLIAM T FUJIOKA**  
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# Los Angeles World Airports

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April 5, 2010

Mr. William T. Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Mr. Fujioka:

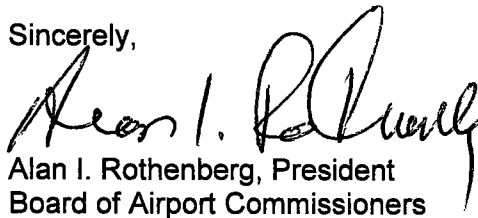
Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2010 relative to the January 26, 2010 action by the County Board of Supervisors requesting Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to "immediately release all contractual agreements regarding the Palmdale Regional Airport and terminal operations."

As you are aware, LAWA is currently engaged in discussions with the United States Air Force relative to the termination of its lease. While we are proceeding with diligence, several issues have yet to be resolved in connection with the lease's provisions and the accompanying Joint Use Agreement. I estimate it will take several months for those details to be resolved before LAWA staff brings an action to the Board for consideration.

LAWA staff is happy to provide you with a briefing should you wish a more detailed progress update, similar to the meeting which was held in December, 2009. Please contact our Executive Director, Gina Marie Lindsey, if you would like to schedule a briefing.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,



Alan I. Rothenberg, President  
Board of Airport Commissioners

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